

I am writing to express my outrage that the FCC has failed in efforts to fairly treat all races, including the white race. This madness needs to stop before all freedom of speech is wiped from the airwaves. To give you a better perspective of what I'm saying, here is the blog I wrote when I found out about Imus' dismissal for his comedic remark:

<http://blog.360.yahoo.com/blog-sf1BB0lyeqoCp68leMK6sfs-?cq=1&p=2222>

Below is the text of the blog, but the YouTube videos probably will not show here. I suggest you read the blog on my 360 page to gain full understanding.

It's GIVE ME A BREAK TIME People! Take a look at this article from AP: Racial slur gets Imus 2-week suspension

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer 30 minutes ago

NEW YORK - Don Imus' morning talk show will be suspended from CBS Radio and MSNBC for two weeks following protests about his reference to members of the Rutgers women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos," both networks said Monday.

MSNBC, which telecasts the radio show, said Imus' expressions of regret and embarrassment, coupled with his stated dedication to changing the show's discourse, made it believe suspension was the appropriate response.

"Our future relationship with Imus is contingent on his ability to live up to his word," the network said.

The suspension begins next Monday.

Imus, who has made a career of cranky insults in the morning, was fighting for his job following the joke that by his own admission went "way too far." He continued to apologize Monday, both on his show and on a syndicated radio program hosted by the Rev. Al Sharpton, who is among several black leaders demanding his ouster.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said that Imus' suspensions would not halt the protests.

"This is a two-week cooling off period," Jackson said. "It does not challenge the character of the show, its political impact, or the impact that these comments have had on our society."

Imus could be in real danger if the outcry causes advertisers to shy away from him, said Tom Taylor, editor of the trade publication Inside Radio. The National Organization for Women is also seeking

Imus' ouster.

Imus isn't the most popular radio talk-show host — the trade publication *Talkers* ranks him the 14th most influential — but his audience is heavy on the political and media elite that advertisers pay a premium to reach. Authors, journalists and politicians are frequent guests — and targets for insults.

He has urged critics to recognize that his show is a comedy that spreads insults broadly. Imus or his cast have called Colin Powell a "weasel," New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson a "fat sissy" and referred to Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, an American Indian, as "the guy from `F Troop." He and his colleagues also called the New York Knicks a group of "chest-thumping pimps."

On Sharpton's program Monday, Imus said that "our agenda is to be funny and sometimes we go too far. And this time we went way too far."

Imus made his remark the day after the Rutgers team, which includes eight black women, lost the NCAA women's championship game to Tennessee. He was speaking with producer Bernard McGuirk and said "that's some rough girls from Rutgers. Man, they got tattoos ..."

"Some hardcore hos," McGuirk said.

"That's some nappy-headed hos there, I'm going to tell you that," Imus said.

The Rutgers comment has struck a chord, in part, because it was aimed at a group of young women at the pinnacle of athletic success. It also came in a different public atmosphere following the Michael Richards and Mel Gibson comments, said Eric Deggans, columnist for the *St. Petersburg Times* and chairman of the media monitoring committee of the National Association of Black Journalists. The NABJ's governing board, which doesn't include Deggans, wants Imus canned.

"This may be the first time where he's done something like this in the YouTube era," Deggans said. Viewers can quickly see clips of Imus' remarks, not allowing him to redefine their context, he said.

On his show Monday, Imus called himself "a good person" who made a bad mistake.

"Here's what I've learned: that you can't make fun of everybody, because some people don't deserve it," he said. "And because the climate on this program has been what it's been for 30 years doesn't mean that it has to be that way for the next five years or whatever because that has to change, and I understand that."

New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine spoke to Rutgers players Monday and said later that he strongly

condemned Imus' words. Only the Rutgers players can decide to accept his apology, Corzine said.

Rutgers players said they planned to make a public statement on Tuesday.

Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain (news, bio, voting record), whose presidential candidacy has been backed by Imus on the air, said he would still appear on Imus' program.

"He has apologized," McCain said. "He said that he is deeply sorry. I'm a great believer in redemption."

Baseball star Cal Ripken Jr., who was to appear on Imus' show later this week to promote a book, has canceled his appearance, according to the Washington Times.

Imus' radio show originates from WFAN in New York City and is syndicated nationally by Westwood One, both of which are managed by CBS. The show reached an estimated 361,000 viewers on MSNBC in the first three months of the year, up 39 percent from last year. That's the best competitive position it has ever achieved against CNN (372,000 viewers).

Imus' fate could ultimately rest with two of the nation's most prominent media executives: CBS Corp. chief Leslie Moonves and Jeff Zucker, head of NBC Universal.

"He will survive it if he stops apologizing so much," said Michael Harrison, publisher of Talkers. Imus clearly seems under corporate pressure to make amends, but he's nearly reached the point where he is alienating the fans who appreciate his grumpy outrageousness.

Even if he were to be fired, he's likely to land elsewhere in radio, Harrison said.

Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, said it is "past time his employers took him off the air."

Imus was mostly contrite in his appearance with Sharpton, although the activist did not change his opinion that Imus should lose his job. At one point Imus seemed incredulous at Sharpton's suggestion that he might walk away from the incident unscathed.

"Unscathed?" Imus said. "How do you think I'm unscathed by this? Don't you think I'm humiliated?"

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AP writers Deepti Hajela and Jacques Billeaud contributed to this account.

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Heck, I hear rappers on national television talking about their "hos" saying much worse things than "nappy headed." If I just listened to Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson, I would think that black people didn't have a sense of humor. Those two along with the NAACP seem to jump at any TINY infraction by anyone white. They didn't even seem to take into account the man's record. Look what he said about Bush:

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For the story behind the story...  
Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005 9:15 a.m. EDT

Don Imus to Tim Russert: Bush Doesn't Care 'Enough' About Black People

Nationally syndicated radio host Don Imus is echoing comments of Bush-bashing rapper Kanye West, telling guest Tim Russert Tuesday morning that President Bush doesn't care "enough" about black people.

"Kanye West said during a concert on NBC that George Bush doesn't care about black people, which I don't believe," Imus began.

"What I do believe is that neither he nor anyone else cares enough about them," he told the NBC newsman. "And if you're a black person in New Orleans, what else are you supposed to think? The facts are the facts."

Initially, Russert challenged the I-Man, who had spent the entire first week of the Hurricane Katrina disaster on vacation.

"You can't say things like that because there's absolutely no evidence of that," the NBC Washington bureau chief said.

After spending most of the interview laying the blame for the Katrina disaster at the foot of the federal government, Russert explained:

"The mayor of New Orleans is African American. OK? The notion that he somehow turned his back on his own people" doesn't make sense, he argued.

After a few more sentences of tepid rebuttal, however, the "Meet the Press" host promptly returned to blaming the Bush administration.

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All but one of the black people I knew had a sense of humor. Most of them were also intelligent, respectful individuals. I did know a few who were bad, but in no bigger proportion than the white people I knew who were bad. So, why this big chip on these people's shoulders? I hear black comedians say worse. They say "nigger (not nigga)," "honkey", "cracker," and use many other racial slurs. Black rappers say both "nigga" and "nigger," use the words "ho" and "hos" and generally degrade the women with which they associate, yet I don't hear Rev. Jesse Jackson or Rev. Al Sharpton saying anything about them ceasing their conduct or trying to get them fired from their jobs. White children see these videos and think they are being friendly by saying the same things that they heard the black comedians and rappers say, and the blacks want to kill them. What's up with that?

Eddie Murphy - Raw (Italians & Rocky)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fp67geuhJM>

chris rock- racism

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_q8LxO4wnCQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_q8LxO4wnCQ)

Now, I think those two comedians are hilarious, but they regularly use racial slurs. I prefer not to play the Rap videos because they are so degrading to all people, but you get my point. I don't see anyone getting on them for using racial slurs. Now, take a look at this one:

dance like a honkey

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtHNfU6vTk4>

I think this one is quite funny also, but I didn't see Rev. Jackson or Rev. Sharpton trying to get this man fired from his job for using racial slurs. Neither did I see Rev. Billy Graham trying to get anyone fired over anti-white racial slurs. So where does this all end?

Perhaps if some people realize that the word "nigger" most probably came from uneducated white people who couldn't read properly it would make a difference? I'll use capital letters as long vowel

sounds and small letters as short vowel sounds. They most likely read that they were NIgerian and pronounced it nigerian. It probably then was shortened to niger (as opposed to NIger as it should have been). It was most probably NOT a scheme by the evil white race to make black people feel bad about themselves. Yes, there were people who used the term in a derogatory fashion, but, at least in my lifetime, when I heard the term "nigger" early on, the only association I made was that it was a person with dark skin. Most white people in my early years rarely even saw a black person, and certainly didn't have anything against them. When they said "nigger," they just meant black. Of course we have all been educated on the way a small percentage of uneducated white people used the term now, and understand that it causes tense feelings. So, what's the problem?

Black people frequently use the term "nigger" when talking about black people. Is it wrong for one race to call a person an ethnic term, yet right for people of another race to do the same? Are white people the only ones who can be "racist?" That is ridiculous. Why can't we all just treat one another with the respect we deserve?

If we'd quit quibbling over stupid things like this, we could unite against the real source of our problems. We could fight those with lust for power and those with extreme greed and overcome what makes us ALL poor, forgotten, or unwanted. We might find a way to help one another rather than trying to take more money away from the poor, disabled, and elderly. If people would try to get away from thinking about only themselves, running for the gold, competing with everyone for everything, and hoarding everything in site, they would all find that there is enough for everyone. Cooperation is far better than competition. Competition may produce quicker short term benefits, but cooperation creates lasting results, love, and beauty in the world.

Well, I've put in my two or three cents. You may address all hate mail directly to me at [caljen386@yahoo.com](mailto:caljen386@yahoo.com). Swissy had nothing to do with this one.

Love, Hope, Peace, & Christ Be With You,  
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